

**SITUATION REPORT NO. 2**  
**INCIDENT NO. 2002-001**  
**DATE: June 18, 2002 TIME: 10:00 a.m.**

*(The Initial Report was forwarded to the White House Office of Homeland Security on May 2, 2002. This report covers the period of May 3 through June 18, 2002.)*

TO: Governor John Hoeven                      Governor Tom Ridge  
State Capitol                                      White House Office of Homeland Security  
Bismarck, ND 58505                              Washington, D.C. 20502

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Homeland Security – Heightened awareness and coordinated preparedness, prevention and response.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths and injuries have been reported in North Dakota as a result of terrorist activities.
3. DAMAGES: No damages have been reported, although significant costs have been incurred by state and local governments, as well as the private sector, in terms of heightened security and response to suspicious items/activity reports.
4. RESOURCES: All government organizations, as well as private sector and individuals, have been rallied.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: All North Dakota citizens are urged to engage in Homeland Security initiatives.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Officials on the state and local levels are continuing to evaluate and adjust training and operational initiatives; incorporate aviation security measures; heighten security of key facilities; increase intelligence gathering and sharing among law enforcement, military and public agencies; enhance direct communications with federal counterparts; and launch public information campaigns designed to empower individuals and organizations at the local level.

Local and state law enforcement and public safety agencies assisted the U.S. Border Patrol during October through April. The North Dakota Highway Patrol logged 51.3 hours of aerial surveillance flights between October and April. The Game and Fish Department recorded 103 hours, and the Civil Air Patrol flew 53 sorties.

Northern Border Security meetings were held this spring in Rolla, Cavalier, Lignite, Bottineau, Mohall, Crosby, Langdon and Cando to provide citizens with information regarding border security measures and to solicit border watch help in the form of “eyes and ears” from border area residents. Agencies represented included the N.D. Highway Patrol, the U.S. Border Patrol, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, U.S. Customs, local law enforcement and local and state emergency management.

North Dakota National Guard troops and equipment, on federal status, are supporting Border Security functions along the United States-/Canadian border in cooperation with the U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Customs and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

During April and May, the State Homeland Security Coordinator participated in several national Homeland Security workshops and meetings. These events include: State Homeland Security Coordinator meetings with the White House Office of Homeland Security to draft a National Strategy; a "Strengthening the Public Safety Response to Terrorism" workshop sponsored by the Department of Justice and the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Reston, VA. The Coordinator served on two panels regarding Homeland Security issues at a conference in Park City, Utah, sponsored by the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices.

The Northern Crops Institute at North Dakota State University in Fargo held a biosecurity awareness and animal production workshop on April 23 for feed and grain industry professionals, animal health suppliers, livestock producers and others.

Upon request from the White House Office of Homeland Security, the State Homeland Security Coordinator on May 2 submitted an initial report regarding North Dakota Homeland Security efforts to the White House Office of Homeland Security, Governor and the Congressional delegation, as well as State Legislators and task and functional coordinators.

On May 13, the Adjutant General, Homeland Security Coordinator and the North Dakota Military Reserve Component (Army, Air Force, Navy) Emergency Planning Liaison Officers (EPLOs) briefed Minot and Grand Forks Air Force Base Command staff and Emergency Management personnel regarding State Emergency Management infrastructure and North Dakota Homeland Security measures.

Homeland Security initiatives for member agencies were reviewed during the 60<sup>th</sup> State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) meeting on May 15.

At the request of the Federal Aviation Administration, staff at the State Aeronautics Commission provided a security alert on May 24 to general aviation airports. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation disseminated the alert to law enforcement agencies.

On May 31, the North Dakota Army National Guard ended its security mission at the state's commercial airports, after eight months of support to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the recently formed Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

On June 4, key functional and task coordinators reviewed state and federal draft documents related to the National Homeland Security Advisory System and plans for the state to adapt procedures related to the system. Participants included representatives from DEM, National Guard, DOT, State Radio, BCI, Highway Patrol, State Water Commission, Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

Governor Hoeven announced on June 7 that North Dakota received approval for federal funds allocated to improve bioterrorism preparedness. North Dakota submitted a bioterrorism preparedness plan for the \$6.9 million allocated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in April to help state and local health departments prepare for and respond to bioterrorism, outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health threats and emergencies. The CDC and HRSA, which are administered by HHS, notified the Office of the Governor Thursday that \$6.5 million has been approved and that an additional allocation of about \$400,000 will be forthcoming, pending refinement of a portion of the plan.

Also on June 7, the State Homeland Security Coordinator provided testimony regarding Homeland Security to the Legislative Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

The ND. Information Technology Department (ITD) hosted a forum on June 13 for state agencies regarding government continuity and interagency data sharing initiatives. Presenters included the North Dakota Homeland Security Coordinator and representatives of the N.D. Department of Health, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, ITD, Risk Management Division and the Division of Emergency Management.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: None at this time.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: None at this time.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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